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INTRODUCTION

THIS book offers, with the sanction and approval of the Archbishops and Bishops of the provinces of Canterbury, York, and Wales, and the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, a service which may be used as an alternative to Matins or Evensong. It has been drawn up by a committee of the National Society, the Central Council of the Church for Religious Education, as a result of their contact and conference with schools, and especially Public and Private Boarding Schools both for boys and girls.

It is believed that the type of Service offered here will meet a very real need if its main purpose is kept in view—namely, that by its use boys and girls may learn how to worship, and thus may come to enter with more understanding into the traditional Services of the Prayer Book.

In drawing up this Service certain definite principles have been kept in view :

(1) The necessity has been recognized of giving boys and girls a form and method of Worship which it is within their capacity to use intelligently and with reality. Only so can a

sound and reasonable worship of God develop normally and naturally.

(2) The education in the art of Worship offered by such a Service must be so devised as to prepare boys and girls to take their part in the full Worship of the Church which centres in the Communion Service, and thus lead them on to a regular and understanding participation in the ordinary Services of the Parish Church.

(3) Any alternative Service to the liturgical Services of the Prayer Book must itself be constructed on some liturgical basis. But, since it is especially for the young, the method and sequence must be clearly manifest and easy to remember.

(4) While the method of the Service remains constant, its content must be capable of considerable diversity.

(5) It must not suffer any appreciable loss when the Officiant is a layman and not a priest.

It will be found that the substance of the Service is drawn very largely from the Prayer Book, with here and there suggestions for some slight verbal alteration, or, perhaps, omission, in order to make a passage more easily understood by younger boys and girls, thus making for reality.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE

THE structure of this Service has been designed to teach the different Acts of Devotion which go to make up a complete form of Worship. Each of these is clearly defined, so that the worshipper knows exactly in what particular act he is taking part. Further, these different acts follow each other in a definite and natural sequence.

After due Preparation, there follow in order the four Acts of Worship: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

In this sequence the first emphasis is upon God and His Holiness, to Whom adoration and praise must be offered. The Glory of God, and the primary duty of offering Him the adoration which is His due and of which He alone is worthy, gives the right orientation to the whole process of man's Worship.

This part of the Service should be rendered with a special note of dignity. It will be found helpful if at times some portion is spoken together and some sung.

To follow this with an act of Confession, while

it may appear, at first sight, to be an abrupt contrast to the thought of God's Holiness, is yet the only right and natural step which should follow. To realize more of the Holiness of God is to become more conscious of unworthiness and uncleanness. (Cf. *Isa.* 6. 1-8). Thus sin appears in its right light, as being against the Holiness of God.

That Thanksgiving should follow Confession is again a natural step. The Christian's knowledge of the forgiveness of God, of its cost to Himself, and of the intensity of His Love for man, should move him to Thanksgiving for all He has done.

Lastly comes Supplication. When the worshipper has passed through the process of Adoration, Confession, and Thanksgiving, he is in the right spiritual and mental attitude to plead with God for others and for himself. By Adoration, faith in the Power of God is deepened; by Confession the confidence that man's frailty can be overcome is renewed; by Thanksgiving for what has already been given, boldness to ask for further gifts is encouraged. Supplication must be divided into Intercession for others and Self-dedication of ourselves in prayer. Thus, in this Service, God is put first and self last, and if this is constantly done in Worship, there is a greater hope that it may be similarly worked out in life.

The Adoration of God always merits due Preparation, which may include such elements as the reading of Scripture, the Creed, and the Sermon. This is based on the Communion Service, where they form part of the Ante-Communion or preparatory part of the Service. It may be found convenient to use the shorter form of Service when there is a Sermon, in order that more time may be given to instruction, without making the Service unduly long. It will be seen that Silence is also included in this part of the Service. It is very strongly urged that use be made of this Silence as a preparation for Worship. The Book of Revelation presents the picture of the sea of glass before God's Throne, symbolical of the complete stillness and calm needed in the approach to God.

It is important that in the choice of psalms, hymns, prayers, etc., care should be taken to see that they are appropriate to the portion of the Service in which they are used, so that in all cases the structure of the Service is preserved, and not destroyed.

It may be noted that the sequence of the whole Service can easily be fixed in the mind, even of the very young, by remembering the one word *PACTS*, which is formed by taking the initial letter of each part of the Service: *P*reparation, *A*doration, *C*onfession, *T*hanks-giving, and *S*upplication.

It is assumed that where a collection is taken for any purpose, the offerings will be presented as an act of Worship and Thanksgiving on the part of the Congregation. Opportunity for this is provided at the end of the Thanksgiving.

It would be a great advantage if the collection could be taken apart from the singing of a hymn ; it may be taken in silence immediately before being presented, or at the doors on entering ; appropriate sentences may be sung or said during the Presentation of the Offerings.

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FORM OF SERVICE
FOR A
SUNDAY

THE PREPARATION

I. *The Congregation standing, the Officiant shall direct those assembled to think upon God in silence, saying one or more of the following:—*

Commune with your own heart and be still. *Psalm 4. 4*

Be still, and know that I am God.
Psalm 46. 10

Ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29. 12-13*

Be silent, all the earth, before him.
Habakkuk 2. 20

Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord.
Zechariah 2. 13

The Lord is in his holy temple. *Psalm 11. 4*

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30. 15*

Let us remember that our Lord Jesus Christ has said: Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. *St. Matthew 18. 20*

Then shall SILENCE be kept for a space.

- II. A Prayer or Hymn to the Holy Spirit, *or* a Hymn suitable as a preparation for Worship, *or* dealing with the subject of the Sermon, if there be one, *or* one of the Psalms of Preparation (*see page 26*).
- III. *Here shall follow a Reading from the Bible.*
- IV. *Here shall follow the Creed, either the Apostles' or Nicene, or the Summary of the Creed on page 19.*

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell ; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; The holy Catholic Church ; The Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of sins ; The Resurrection of the body ; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Or

The Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible :

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made : Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead : Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of

sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

V. *When there is a Sermon, it shall follow here.*

ADORATION

The Congregation standing, the Officiant shall say one of the following :—

Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honour and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they are, and were created. *Revelation 4. 11*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. *Isaiah 6. 3*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised. *Psalm 113. 3*

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Psalm 29. 2*

O come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker: for he is our God. *Psalm 95. 6-7*

After which, selections shall be made from one or more of the following :—

PSALMS of ADORATION :

(These Psalms will be found on page 30.)

or

A Hymn of Praise

or

Jubilate or Magnificat (*pages 37 and 38*)

or

To be spoken together :—

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. . . .

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Revelation* 5. 12, 13.

Note.—Further alternative Acts of Adoration will be found on pages 39-44.

CONFESSION OF SIN, OR PENITENCE

All kneeling the Officiant shall say :—

V.—If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

R.—But, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1) A Confession of sin, *to be said by all the congregation kneeling :*



O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If there be a priest present, he shall pronounce the Absolution as follows :—

The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When the Officiant is a layman, he may use the following :—

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, and forgive us all our sins, deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

or

(2) *One of the following prayers may be used in place of the Confession and Absolution :—*

(a) Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(b) O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Note.—Further Alternative Acts of Penitence will be found on pages 45-51.

THANKSGIVING

The congregation kneeling, the Officiant shall say :—

V.—O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious.

R.—And his mercy endureth for ever.

Here may follow the General Thanksgiving (page 60), or this prayer of Thanksgiving, which may be said by the Officiant and congregation together:—

O most merciful Father, we offer unto Thee our heartfelt thanks for thy mercies to us.

For life and health; for our homes; for our friends and all near and dear to us; for food and raiment; for every blessing of this world we give thee thanks and bless thy glorious name, O Lord. But much more do we thank Thee for spiritual gifts; for thy holy Word and Sacra-

ments and the means of grace; above all for the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. O Lord, we thank thee; make us ever more thankful and more deserving of the greatness of thy love for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or

The Congregation standing, Psalms of Thanksgiving may be sung or said.

(These Psalms will be found on pages 52-59.)

Note.—Further alternative Acts of Thanksgiving will be found on page 61.

Here a Hymn may be sung.

If there be a collection of Alms they shall here be presented, all the congregation standing, and one of the following may be said or sung during the presentation:—

V.—All things come of thee, O God.

R.—And of thine own have we given Thee.

or

Accept, O Lord, we pray thee, this offering, as an acknowledgement that all we have is thine; and enable us to use all that thou hast bestowed upon us to thy glory.

or

Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all; both riches and

honour come of thee, and of thine own do we give unto thee.

SUPPLICATION

The congregation kneeling, the Officiant shall say before each prayer, "Let us pray for ——" naming the object to be prayed for. After which there shall be a short pause for silence. Then shall follow the appropriate Versicle and Response.

A.—INTERCESSION

(Prayer for Others.)

The Officiant shall make a selection from among the following subjects :—

(1) *For the Church :*

V.—Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it.

R.—That he might present it to himself a glorious Church.

(Prayers for the Church will be found on pages 62-64.)

(2) *For the Unity of all Christian People :*

V.—Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren.

R.—To dwell together in unity.

(Prayers for Unity will be found on pages 64-65.)

(3) *For the Extension of Christ's Kingdom :*

V.—Go ye into the world.

R.—And preach the Gospel to every creature.
(Prayers for the extension of Christ's Kingdom will be found on pages 65-67.)

(4) *For the Ministry of the Church :*

V.—Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.

R.—And let thy Saints sing with joyfulness.
(Prayers for the Ministry of the Church will be found on pages 67-69.)

(5) *For those preparing for Confirmation :—*

V.—Let thy loving Spirit lead them forth.

R.—Into the land of righteousness.
(Prayers for Confirmation candidates will be found on page 69.)

(6) *For all who have gone forth from this place.*

V.—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in,

R.—From this time forth for evermore.
(This prayer will be found on page 70.)

(7) *For all sorts and conditions of men :*

V.—The Lord is loving unto every man.

R.—And his mercy is over all his works.
(This prayer will be found on page 70.)

(8) *For the Peace of the World :*

V.—The Lord remaineth a King for ever.

R.—The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

(Prayers for Peace will be found on pages 71-72.)

(9) *For our Nation and Empire :*

V.—His dominion shall be from the one sea to the other :

R.—And from the flood unto the world's end.

(Prayers for Nation and Empire will be found on pages 72-75.)

(10) *For those who work with their hands :*

V.—Thou Lord, in the beginning, hast laid the foundations of the earth.

R.—The heavens are the work of thy hands.

(This prayer will be found on page 75.)

(11) *For the Sick and Suffering :*

V.—He healeth those that are broken in heart.

R.—And giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

(Prayers for the Sick will be found on page 76.)

(12) *For the Faithful Departed :*

V.—The righteous live for evermore.

R.—Their reward also is with the Lord.

(Prayers for the departed will be found on pages 77-78.)

B.—SELF-DEDICATION

(Prayer for Ourselves.)

The Officiant shall make selection from among the following subjects :—

(1) *For renewal of life :*

V.—Even the youths shall faint and be weary :

R.—But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

(Prayers for renewal of life will be found on pages 79-80.)

(2) *For guidance and help :*

V.—Thou art my strong rock and my castle :

R.—Be thou also my guide and lead me.

(Prayers for guidance and help will be found on pages 80-83.)

(3) *For strength against temptation :*

V.—The Lord is my strength and my shield :

R.—My heart hath trusted in him and I am helped.

(Prayers for strength against temptation will be found on pages 83-87.)

(4) *For the School :*

V.—So teach us to number our days :

R.—That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

(Prayers for the School will be found on pages 87-89.)

(5) Some further Special Prayers *will be found on pages 90-93.*

THE SUPPLICATION *shall close with* THE LORD'S PRAYER.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

After which a Hymn may be sung.

Then shall follow

The Grace.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

or, if there be a priest present

The Blessing.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in

the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

A
SHORTER FORM OF SERVICE
FOR EITHER
WEEK-DAY OR SUNDAY USE

THE PREPARATION

- I. *The congregation standing, the Officiant shall say one or more of the following, enjoining them to silence ; or in his own words he may direct those assembled to think upon God in silence:—*

Commune with your own heart and be still.

Psalm 4. 4

Be still, and know that I am God. *Psalm 46. 10*

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
St. Matthew 18. 20

Then shall SILENCE be kept for a space.

- II. A Prayer or Hymn invoking the aid of the Holy Spirit.
- III. *If there be a Reading from the Bible, it shall follow here, the congregation being seated.*
- IV. *The congregation standing, here may follow the Apostles' Creed.*

or

This Summary of the Creed :

“ I believe in one God :

The Father who has made me and all the world,
The Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has redeemed me and all mankind,
The Holy Spirit Who sanctifies me and all God's people."

V. *Then the Officiant shall say:—*

V.—O Lord, open thou our lips.

R.—And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V.—O God, make speed to save us.

R.—O Lord, make haste to help us.

V.—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost ;

R.—As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

V.—Praise ye the Lord.

R.—The Lord's name be praised.

Where a shorter Service is desired, the Silence may be immediately followed by the above Versicles and Responses.

ADORATION

The congregation standing the Officiant shall say one of the following:—

So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth

on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* 3. 16

I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. *Revelation* 21. 3; 19. 5

(3) I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him. *Revelation* 19. 6, 7

After a short pause selections shall be made from one or more of the following:—

(1) A Hymn of Praise,

or

(2)

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

or

(3) Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise more than we can utter, more than

we can conceive be unto thee, O most adorable Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, by all angels, by all men and all creatures, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Further alternatives may be found on pages 30-44.)

CONFESSION OF SIN, OR PENITENCE

A Confession of Sin to be said by all the Congregation kneeling :—

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of Heaven, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own fault; wherefore we pray to God to have mercy upon us.

May God Almighty have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

If there be a priest present he may pronounce the Absolution as follows :—

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

If the Officiant be a layman, he may use the following :—

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful

goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

(Alternatives to the above will be found on pages 45-51.)

THANKSGIVING

Selection may be made from the following :—

All kneeling :

(1) We give thee thanks, O Lord, for all the benefits that we have received from thy goodness, for every thought of thee and every opportunity of useful service :

Lord, we thank thee.

For life and health ; for joy and happiness.

Lord, we thank thee.

For our homes ; for our friends, and all we owe to them ; for all who have encouraged and helped us, and for all who pray for us.

Lord, we thank thee.

For all we owe to the discoveries of science and for all we enjoy through literature, art, or music.

Lord, we thank thee.

(Here may be added other Thanksgivings as may be desired.)

And most of all for the coming of thy Son Jesus Christ into the world ; for his Death and Passion ; His glorious Resurrection and Ascension ; and for the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Lord, we thank thee.

or

(2) We give thee thanks, O Lord our God, for all thy goodness at all times, and in all places, because thou hast shielded, rescued, helped, and guided us all the days of our lives and brought us unto this hour.

or

(3) *The congregation standing, a Psalm of Thanksgiving.*

These Psalms will be found on pages 52-59.

(Further alternative forms of Thanksgiving will be found on pages 60-61.)

A Hymn may here be sung.

SUPPLICATION

The congregation kneeling the Officiant shall say :—

Let us pray :

A.—Intercessory Prayers will be found on pages 62-78.

B.—Prayers of self-dedication *will be found on*
pages 79-89.

Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer.

A Hymn may here be sung if desired.

The Service shall close with THE GRACE or THE
BLESSING.

PSALMS OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Note.—At the end of every Psalm the Gloria Patri is sung or said as follows :—

Officiant. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Psalm 84. 1-8.

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings :
thou Lord of hosts !

2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be alway praising thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

6. Who going through the vale of misery

use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7. They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

Psalm 95. 1-7.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

5. The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

6. O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 121.

I WILL lift mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

28 PSALMS OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

2. My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall
neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord himself is thy keeper : the
Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand ;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by
day : neither the moon by night.

7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all
evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out,
and thy coming in : from this time forth for
evermore.

Psalm 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me : We
will go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O
Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at
unity in itself.

4. For thither the tribes go up, even the
tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to
give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5. For there is the seat of judgement : even
the seat of the house of David.

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they
shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Psalm 141. 1-4.

LORD, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me : and consider my voice when I cry unto thee.

2. Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense : and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

3. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth : and keep the door of my lips.

4. O let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing : let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

ACTS OF ADORATION

I. PSALMS OF ADORATION.

Psalm 66. 1-8.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands : sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

2. Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works : through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

3. For all the world shall worship thee : sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4. O come hither, and behold the works of God : how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5. He turned the sea into dry land : so that, they went through the water on foot ; there did we rejoice thereof.

6. He ruleth with his power for ever ; his eyes behold the people : and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

7. O praise our God, ye people : and make the voice of his praise to be heard ;

8. Who holdeth our soul in life : and suffereth not our feet to slip.

Psalm 68. 32-35.

SING unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord ;

33. Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

34. Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship, and strength is in the clouds.

35. O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel ; he will give strength and power unto his people ; blessed be God.

Psalm 98.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

2. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

3. The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

4. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5. Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6. Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7. With trumpets also, and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

8. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

10. With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

Psalm 103. 1-13 and 20-22.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy name.

2. Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits ;

3. Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities ;

4. Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness ;

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7. He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.

8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9. He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12. Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

13. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

20. O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21. O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22. O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 113.

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

3. The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4. The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth ?

6. He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire ;

7. That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

8. He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

Psalm 145. 1-13 and 21.

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2. Every day I will give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end to his greatness.

4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another : and declare thy power.

5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works ;

6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy

marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.

7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious, and merciful : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9. The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.

10. All thy works praise thee, O Lord : and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

11. They shew the glory of thy kingdom : and talk of thy power ;

12. That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom : might be known unto men.

13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Psalm 148.

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.

2. Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.

3. Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.

4. Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made ; he commanded, and they were created.

6. He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7. Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps ;

8. Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word ;

9. Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars ;

10. Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls ;

11. Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world.

12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

13. He shall exalt the horn of his people ; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Psalm 149. 1-4.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : let the congregation of saints praise him.

2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :

and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise his Name in the dance : let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people : and helpeth the meek-hearted.

Psalm 150. 1, 2, and 6.

O PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.

2. Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.

6. Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

II. JUBILATE *or* MAGNIFICAT.

Jubilate.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

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4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Magnificat.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

2. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

3. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

5. And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

6. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his

servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

III. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, *which may be sung or said.*

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth
peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy ; thou only art the Lord ; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Or it may be used in the following manner :—

Officiant : Glory be to God on high,

All : And in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Officiant : O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world.

All : Have mercy upon us.

Officiant : Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

All : Have mercy upon us.

Officiant : Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

All : Receive our prayer.

Officiant : Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

All : Have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

- IV. O Holy Spirit of life, who fillest all the world

We worship and adore thee.

Spirit of Light, who teachest all truth

We worship and adore thee.

Source of all gifts of nature and of grace,
of knowledge natural and supernatural

We worship and adore thee.

For that thou hast made and endowed us,
taught and reprov'd us, borne with us, re-
covered us, restored us; Lord and Lifegiver,

We worship and adore thee.

- V. *Officiant* : Glory be to thee, O Lord, who, having become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, art highly exalted; and hast opened unto us the gate of everlasting life. Therefore unto thee every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess thee Lord of all, to the glory of God the Father. We adore thee, O Christ, and we praise thee :

All : Because by Thy Cross and Passion thou hast redeemed the world.

- VI. *To be spoken together* :

Blessing and honour and glory and power Be unto him that sitteth upon the throne And unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; Just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints :

All glorious are thy gifts, thou Spirit of Life. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving And honour and power and might Be unto our God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

- VII. Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. Blessing and honour and glory and might be unto him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Revelation 5. 12, 13

- VIII. Lift up your hearts.

Answer—We lift them up unto the Lord.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

Answer—Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. *Amen.*

- IX. *For use on special occasions.*

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens,
and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth ;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty :
of thy glory.

THE glorious company of the Apostles :
praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets :
praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world :
doth acknowledge thee ;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness
of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of
Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God :
in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our
Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious
blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints :
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine
heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy name : ever world with-
out end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day
without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy
upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as
our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never
be confounded.

ACTS OF PENITENCE

I. PENITENTIAL PSALMS :

Psalm 6. 1-4.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation : neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3. My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me ?

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for thy mercy's sake.

Psalm 32. 1-6.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

2. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3. For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4. For thy hand is heavy upon me day and

night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

5. I will acknowledge my sin unto thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6. I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

Psalm 51. 1-4, and 9-13.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

9. Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10. Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

12. O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Psalm 119. 9-16.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man
cleanse his way: even by ruling himself
after thy word.

10. With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not go wrong out of thy command-
ments.

11. Thy words have I hid within my heart:
that I should not sin against thee.

12. Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me
thy statutes.

13. With my lips have I been telling: of
all the judgements of thy mouth.

14. I have had as great delight in the way of
thy testimonies: as in all manner of riches.

15. I will talk of thy commandments: and
have respect unto thy ways.

16. My delight shall be in thy statutes: and
I will not forget thy word.

Psalm 130.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee,
O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears consider well: the voice
of my complaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark
what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide
it?

4. For there is mercy with thee: therefore
shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him there is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

II. O God the Father who hast made us,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son who hast redeemed us.
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost who dost sanctify us.
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity.
Have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief ; from pride and hypocrisy, from envy and hatred.
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation ; by thy lowly Birth and Childhood ; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation.

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat ; by thy Cross and Passion ; by thy precious Death and Burial.

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Good Lord, deliver us.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

III. Lord Jesus, merciful Saviour, who art touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and hast been in all points tempted even as we are, yet without sin : Look with compassion on our weakness and forgive us all our faults and failures ; we have done amiss and dealt wickedly ; we have sinned in thought, word and deed ; make us ashamed and sorry, and give us grace to amend and do better. *Amen.*

IV. **O** LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people ; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee

and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Alternative Forms of ABSOLUTION (to be said only by a Priest) :

(a) **A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him ; Have mercy upon you ; pardon and deliver you from all your sins ; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness ; and bring you to everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(b) Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, deliver you from all evil, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life. *Amen.*

When a priest is not present, the following may be said :—

May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

ACTS OF THANKSGIVING

I. PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING.

Psalm 9. 1-8.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

2. I will be glad and rejoice in thee : yea, my songs will I make of thy name, O thou most Highest.

3. While my enemies are driven back : they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4. For thou hast maintained my right and my cause : thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

5. Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly : thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6. O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end : even as the cities which thou hast destroyed ; their memorial is perished with them.

7. But the Lord shall endure for ever : he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.

8. For he shall judge the world in righteousness : and minister true judgement unto the people.

Psalm 30. 1-8, 11-13.

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2. O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

3. Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

4. Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

5. For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

7. Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.

8. Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

12. Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

13. Therefore shall every good man sing

of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 40. 1-7, 11-13, 21.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

2. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

3. And he hath put a new song in my mouth : even a thanksgiving unto our God.

4. Many shall see it, and fear : and shall put their trust in the Lord.

5. Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

6. O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward : and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

7. If I should declare them, and speak of them : they should be more than I am able to express.

11. I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

12. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart : my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.

13. I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth : from the great congregation.

21. Thou art my helper and redeemer : make no long tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 92. 1-5.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest ;

2. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of thy truth in the night-season ;

3. Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4. For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works : and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5. O Lord, how glorious are thy works : thy thoughts are very deep.

Psalm 105. 1-7.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name : tell the people what things he hath done.

2. O let your songs be of him, and praise him : and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

3. Rejoice in his holy Name : let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4. Seek the Lord and his strength : seek his face evermore.

5. Remember the marvellous works that he hath done : his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,

6. O ye seed of Abraham his servant : ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7. He is the Lord our God : his judgements are in all the world.

Psalm 107. 1-9.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed : and delivered from the hand of the enemy ;

3. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west : from the north, and from the south.

4. They went astray in the wilderness out of the way : and found no city to dwell in.

5. Hungry and thirsty : their soul fainted in them.

6. So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : and he delivered them from their distress.

7. He led them forth by the right way : that they might go to the city where they dwelt.

8. O that men would therefore praise the

Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men !

9. For he satisfieth the empty soul : and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Psalm III.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart : secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

2. The works of the Lord are great : sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3. His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4. The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works : that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5. He hath given meat unto them that fear him : he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

6. He hath shewed his people the power of his works : that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7. The works of his hands are verity and judgement : all his commandments are true.

8. They stand fast for ever and ever : and are done in truth and equity.

9. He sent redemption unto his people : he hath commanded his covenant for ever ; holy and reverend is his Name.

10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter ; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Psalm 136. 1-9, 23-27.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

2. O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.

3. O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

4. Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.

5. Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.

6. Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.

7. Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever.

8. The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever.

9. The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.

23. Who remembered us when we were in trouble : for his mercy endureth for ever.

24. And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.

25. Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.

26. O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

27. O give thanks unto the Lord of lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 138.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
with my whole heart : even before the gods
will I sing praise unto thee.

2. I will worship toward thy holy temple,
and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-
kindness and truth : for thou hast magnified
thy Name, and thy Word, above all things.

3. When I called upon thee, thou heardest
me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee,
O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy
mouth.

5. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the
Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.

6. For though the Lord be high, yet hath
he respect unto the lowly : as for the proud,
he beholdeth them afar off.

7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
yet shalt thou refresh me : thou shalt stretch
forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine
enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8. The Lord shall make good his loving-
kindness toward me : yea, thy mercy, O Lord,

endureth for ever ; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

- II. *Officiant* : Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All.—It is meet and right so to do.

Officiant : It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

After which may be said one of the following:—

- (a) *General Thanksgiving.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us, and to all men ; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we shew forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives ; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

or (b)—

FATHER, with thankful and humble hearts we appear before thee. We would thank thee for all the benefits that we have received from thy goodness; for every opportunity of doing good; for every impulse in the right way; for each victory we have gained over ourselves. Grant us every day to offer thee more perfect thanksgiving and to grow in the knowledge of thy love for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

or (c)—

O GOD, our heavenly Father, with grateful hearts we thank thee for all thy gifts to us and for all that thou hast done for us; most of all we thank thee for the coming of thy Son to live and die for us that we might have forgiveness of our sins. Help us so to live that we may shew our thankfulness to thee by striving in our daily life to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or either (a) or (b) or (c), may be used without the introduction.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

I. For the Church :

The following Versicle and Response may be used before any of the prayers for the Church.

V.—Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it,

R.—That He might present to himself a glorious Church.

Selection may be made from among the following:—

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before

thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OLORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their

doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

II. For the Unity of all Christian People:

Let us pray for the unity of all Christian people.

V.—Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren,

R.—To dwell together in unity.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant it that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace : Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord : that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III. For the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Let us pray for the extension of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world.

V.—Declare his honour unto the heathen ;

R.—And his wonders unto all people.

O GOD of all nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in thine image, have not known thee, nor the dying of thy Son, their Saviour Jesus Christ; and grant that by the prayers and labours of thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief and brought to worship thee; through him whom thou hast sent to be our salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V.—How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace;

R.—And bring glad tidings of good things.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest thy love by sending thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through him: Pour thy Spirit upon thy Church that it may fulfil his command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech thee, labourers into thy harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V.—Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance;

R.—And the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh: Grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after thee and find thee: and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy promise to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU who didst command thine Apostles to go into all the world and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let thy Name be great among the nations, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who art the Way, the Truth and the Life, have mercy upon all who are wandering in darkness and error. Bring them to the knowledge of the truth, so that in this life they may glorify thee, and in the world to come may have everlasting life. *Amen.*

IV. For the Ministry of the Church.

For those soon to be ordained to the Sacred Ministry.

V.—Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.

R.—And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son : Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give thy grace and heavenly benediction ; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory and set forward the salvation of all men ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or—

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church : give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same ; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and

the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Increase of the Sacred Ministry.

Let us pray for the increase of the Sacred Ministry.

V.—Pray ye the Lord of the harvest ;

R.—That he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

O ALMIGHTY God, look mercifully upon the world, which thou hast redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son, and incline the hearts of many to offer themselves for the sacred ministry of thy Church ; so that by their labours thy light may shine in the darkness, and the coming of thy kingdom may be hastened by the perfecting of thine elect ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. For those preparing for Confirmation :

Let us pray for those who are preparing for Confirmation.

V.—Let thy loving Spirit lead them forth,

R.—Into the land of righteousness.

O GOD, who through the teaching of thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter : Make

ready, we beseech thee, the hearts and minds of thy servants who at this time are seeking the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with the power of his divine indwelling; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI. Let us pray for all who have gone forth from this place.

V.—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in,

R.—From this time forth for evermore.

O God our Father, we beseech thee to shield with the protection of thine everlasting love all those our brethren who in days past have worshipped in this place: and we humbly pray that, by thy grace, they may ever so order their lives as to be worthy of their heritage in the fellowship of this foundation (*school*), and in the wider brotherhood of all those who love and fear thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VII. For all sorts and conditions of men :

Let us pray for all men according to their need.

V.—The Lord is loving unto every man.

R.—And his mercy is over all his works.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men ; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church ; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate ; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake.
Amen.

VIII. For the Peace of the World :

Let us pray for the Peace of the World.

V.—The Lord remaineth a King for ever.

R.—The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

ALMIGHTY God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed : Kindle, we

pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who givest wisdom and power to those who seek thee, inspire, we pray thee, the hearts of all those to whom is committed the government of the nations of the world. Give them the vision of truth and justice, guide them to know how best to do their duty to thee and to their countries, that by their counsels the nations may work together in true brotherhood, and thy Church throughout the world may serve thee in unity and in peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

IX. For our Nation and Empire:

V.—His dominion shall be from the one sea to the other;

R.—And from the Flood unto the World's end.

Let us pray for the King.

O LORD our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the

only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King GEORGE; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our gracious Queen ELIZABETH, MARY the Queen Mother, the Princess ELIZABETH, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the British Empire.

(a)

LORD, bless this Kingdom and Empire, that religion and virtue may season all sorts of

men, that there may be peace within our gates, and prosperity in all our borders. In time of trouble guide us, and in peace may we not forget thee: and whether in plenty or in want, may all things be so ordered, that we may patiently and peaceably seek thy Kingdom and its righteousness, the only full supply and sure foundation both of men and states; so that we may continue a place and people to do thee service to the end of time: through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

(b)

O LORD, who hast taught us by thy holy word that the nations are in thy power and guidance: We beseech thee to send out the light of thy truth to guide our Church and nation in this present age, that they may have power to do the work which thou desirest of them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(c)

O LORD God of our fathers, who in thy goodness hast led our people hitherto by wondrous ways, who makest the nations to praise thee, and knittest them together in the bonds of peace: We beseech thee to pour thine abundant blessing on the Dominions over which thou hast called thy servant George to be King. Grant

that all may in prosperity and peace be united in the bond of brotherhood and in the one fellowship of the faith, so that we may be found a people acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(d)

O LORD our God, who from thy throne beholdest all the kingdoms of the earth, have regard unto this fair land of England, that it may continue a place and a people to serve thee to the end of time. Guide the governing of this great Commonwealth, at home and overseas, and grant that all who live beneath our flag may be united in fellowship for the promotion of thy glory and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

X. For those who work with their hands :

Let us pray for those who work with their hands.

V.—Thou, Lord, in the beginning, hast laid the foundations of the earth.

R.—The heavens are the work of thy hands.

O BLESSED Saviour, who wast pleased thyself to be reckoned among the craftsmen, bless all who labour with their hands, that their work may be done for thy honour and rewarded with thy approval. *Amen.*

XI. For the Sick and Suffering :

Let us pray for the Sick and Suffering.

V.—He healeth those that are broken in heart.

R.—And giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

ALMIGHTY Father, giver of life and health : Look mercifully, we beseech thee, on the sick and suffering, especially those for whom our prayers are desired, that by thy blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them, they may be restored, if it be thy gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to thee in thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us the assurance that thou art present in every place to hear the prayers of those who love thee ; We beseech thee to look in mercy upon those for whom we pray. Comfort them by the power of thy Holy Spirit and, if it be thy will, restore them to health. We ask it in the name of him who for our sakes endured the sorrows and pain of the world, Jesus Christ, our Blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing

all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people: Continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us, especially in the Hospitals of this and other lands; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XII. For the Faithful Departed:

Let us remember before God the Faithful Departed.

V.—The righteous live for evermore;

R.—Their reward also is with the Lord.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear, for the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, and for all other thy righteous servants, known to us or unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this—

V.—The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God;

R.—There shall no torment touch them.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; We beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fulness of thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this—

V.—Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

R.—Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours.

O ALMIGHTY God, the God of the spirits of all flesh: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus, the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at last, together with them, be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF SELF-DEDICATION

I.

For renewal of life :

V.—Even the youths shall faint and be weary.

R.—But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Swills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to contend always for what is true and right, and to be ready if need be to suffer for it. Give us not over to any death of the soul, but rather lift us into newness of life, and let us glorify and enjoy Thee for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who art the source of all our life, grant us power to advance in all things that are good. May we grow in vigour of body and in strength of mind. May every talent Thou hast entrusted to us be increased by faithful use. And in our getting may we get wisdom, the vision to discern and the purpose to follow the things that are of truest worth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, help us to seek thee with our whole hearts, that seeking we may find thee and finding thee, we may love thee; and loving thee and thy service may by thy grace be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II. For guidance and help :

V.—Thou art my strong rock and my castle ;

R.—Be thou also my guide and lead me.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which

call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GOD, who at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal:

Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget thee, but remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT us, we beseech thee, O God, the Gaid of thy Holy Spirit, that whatever by his teaching we know to be our duty, we may by his grace be enabled to perform; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good things, help us, we beseech thee, to grow in strength of character. Give us a right judgement and a firm purpose. And grant that we may serve thee and those among whom we live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OTHOU, who art the light of the minds that know thee, the life of the souls that love thee, and the strength of the hearts that serve thee: Help us so to know thee that we may truly love thee, so to love thee that we may fully serve thee, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

For strength against temptation:

V.—The Lord is my strength and my shield;

R.—My heart hath trusted in him and I am helped.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all

our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true

holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and
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earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who knowest our temptations, help us by thy Holy Spirit to fight against them. Save us from being ashamed of thee and of our duty. Give us grace never to consent to what our consciences tell us is wrong. Thou who knowest our weaknesses, strengthen each one of us against the sins to which we are most inclined, and enable us all by Thy spirit to live as becomes those whom thou hast redeemed through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised that we shall not be tempted above that we are able to bear, strengthen us, we pray thee, with the power of thy Holy Spirit. Let us never forget that thou God art with us, and that both our souls and bodies are thine. Be thou with us when we are tempted that we sin not, and fill us with the love of thee, that we may have strength to persevere in the work which Thou hast given to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV. For the School:

V.—So teach us to number our days;

R.—That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O GOD, we pray thee to send thy blessing upon this School, and grant that by the help of thy Holy Spirit we may strive with one heart and mind to make our lives more pleasing unto thee, for the honour and glory of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of wisdom and the giver of every perfect gift, send down, we beseech thee, thy blessing upon this School and prosper all our work. Increase in us true religion and whatsoever things are pure and honourable and of good report. May the

words of our mouths and thoughts of our hearts be acceptable unto thee; and may we both perceive what we ought to do and have grace and power faithfully to fulfil it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VOUCHSAFE, O God, to direct and prosper all that is designed and done for the welfare of us thy servants in this School; and grant that all members of the same may work together for the good of one another, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LOOK down upon us, O Lord, with thy heavenly favour, and bless both those who teach and those who learn in this School. Make us diligent in our duty; watch over us in our work and in our play; help us to be brave and pure and true; and give us grace to serve thee with glad and willing hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, of whose only gift cometh wisdom and understanding; we beseech thee with thy gracious favour to behold this School, that knowledge may be increased among us, and true religion flourish and abound. Bless those who teach and those who learn; and grant that in humility of heart we may seek after thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, shed, we beseech thee, the rays of thy brightness upon our minds and scatter the darkness of ignorance; give us quickness of understanding, readiness to grasp what is new to us, and the power to retain what we have learnt, that by diligence and perseverance we may be enabled to use profitably the opportunities and powers that thou hast bestowed upon us: through the help of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the fountain of wisdom and the God of knowledge, we beseech thee to inspire and prosper this School in all its works; and grant that by our diligence and faithfulness true religion and useful learning may abound to the good of mankind, the advancement of thy kingdom, and the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HOLY Spirit of God, pour out, we pray thee, thy gifts upon us assembled in this School, that being cleansed and strengthened by thy grace and power we may grow into faithful servants of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OTHER PRAYERS

Morning Prayers :

GRANT us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that, reaching the even-tide victorious over all temptation, we may praise thee, Eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

INTO Thy hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves this day. Let Thy presence be with us to its close. Enable us to see that in doing our work we are doing thy Will, that when the evening comes we may again give thanks unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer :

V.—Abide with us, O Lord;

R.—For it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

V.—I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:

R.—For it is thou, Lord, only, who makest me dwell in safety.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this dwelling (and all our homes) and drive far from us all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy Angels dwell among us to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing rest upon us evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Various :

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits which thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and
Brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly. *Amen.*

God be in my head, and in my understanding :
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking :
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking :
God be in my heart, and in my thinking :
God be at mine end, and at my departing.
Amen.

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgement, and light riseth in darkness; grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou would'st have done;

that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choice, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path we may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant us, O Lord,
To know what is worth knowing,
To love what is worth loving,
And to hate all that is evil in Thy sight.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, help us to be masters of ourselves, that we may be servants of others. *Amen.*

O GOD, may we ever seek what is true, see what is beautiful, love what is pure, and follow what is right, for the sake of him who is Truth and Loveliness, Purity and Righteousness, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED Lord, who wast content for our sakes to bear sorrow and want and death; grant to us such a measure of thy Spirit that we may follow thee in all self-denial and tenderness of soul. Help us, by thy great love, to succour the afflicted, to relieve the needy and destitute, to comfort the feeble-minded, to share the burdens of the heavy-laden, and ever to see thee in all that are poor and desolate. *Amen.*

For a Saint's Day

LORD Jesus, King of Saints, who hast manifested thy wonderful love and power in the lives and deaths of thy redeemed and holy men of old, grant that we too may have grace to glorify thee, loving thee whom they have loved, and finding thee whom they have found, and may dwell with thee for ever as they live in the gladness of thy glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying :

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts ; heaven and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to Thee O Lord most high. Amen.

O!ALMIGHTY God, who willest to be glorified in thy Saints and didst raise up thy servant N. to shine as a light in the world : Shine, we pray thee, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth thy praises, who has called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light : through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

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